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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON PETITION OF
NORTHLAND NETWORKS, LTD. FOR PREEMPTION OF THE JURISDICTION OF
THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 252(e)(5) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT**

WC DOCKET NO. 03-242

Comments: December 12, 2003

Reply Comments: December 19, 2003

On November 14, 2003, Northland Networks, Ltd. (Northland) filed a petition pursuant to section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 51.803 of the Commission's rules.¹ Northland requests that the Commission preempt the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission to resolve a dispute between Northland and Verizon New York, Inc. with respect to the effect of the Commission's *ISP Remand Order*² on the reciprocal compensation and change-of-law provisions of their interconnection agreements. Northland requests expedited treatment of its preemption petition.

This proceeding shall be governed by "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well.

Interested parties may file comments on the petition on or before **December 12, 2003** and reply comments on or before **December 19, 2003**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies. Parties

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(5); 47 C.F.R. § 51.803.

² *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Inter-carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic*, CC Docket No. 96-98, Order on Remand and Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001) (subsequent history omitted).

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